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1. Three troop trains were dispatched from Wittenberg to Jueterbog.[1]

2. A troop train was dispatched from Altengrabow to Wildpark on 16 July. On the same day, three troop trains were ordered to be made available at the Altengrabow railroad station. Four troop trains were ordered to be made available at Wildpark for dispatch to Altengrabow on 18 July.

3. One troop train each was loaded on 16 and 18 July with 10 x 122 mm and 12 x 150 mm gun howitzers, caterpillar tractors and trucks with billeting equipment at the Wildpark railroad station.[2]

4. Four troop trains were dispatched from Bad Freienwalde to Berlin-Kaulsdorf on 16 July. Between 12 A.M. and 3 P.M. on the same day, 22 T-34/85 tanks, several SP guns, in addition to motor vehicles of the 93rd Tank Regiment of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division were detrained at the Kaulsdorf railroad station.

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5. A Soviet unit with 35-40 tanks and 35 motor vehicles of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division and the MVD was observed at Stadtpark Biesdorf at

25X1 2:30 P.M. on 16 July.

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6. A Soviet tank and motor vehicle convoy, including trucks carrying billeting equipment, moved through Biesdorf toward Berlin on the night

25X1 of 16-17 July.

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7. Major tank units were detrained at Biesdorf on the night of 16-17 July. On the morning of 18 July, 47 T-34 tanks were seen moving through

25X1 Stalin-Allee in East Berlin toward the center of the city.

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8. On 12-13 July, there was a heavy concentration of tanks near Strausberg, north of Lake Kessel, east of Lake Faenger, north of Garzau and west of Muencheberg. The troops were quartered in tents and the area was off

25X1 limits to civilians.

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9. About six 120 mm mortars, eight AT guns and 20 trucks were entrained at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station on 16 July. The train which also

25X1 included 22 boxcars left at about 10 A.M. via Erkner toward Berlin. [3]

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10. It was learned from a resident of Goerlitz on 15 July that there was unrest in the Polish area opposite Goerlitz. Artillery firing was heard there after 13 July. Increased Soviet troop movements were

25X1 allegedly observed in this area.

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11. Air activity by five Yak-18's was observed at Drewitz airfield on 5 July.[4]

12. The large number of MiG 15's which had temporarily moved to Cottbus airfield left the installation again on 15-16 July. The planes had not

25X1 returned by 18 July.[5]

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13. According to railroad personnel, Soviet leave trains have been rerouted through Stettin since 17 July since the Warsaw railroad line was said to have been demolished at several points. After arriving at Stettin, the

25X1 leave-bound soldiers are transported by sea.

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14. It was learned from locomotive workers of the Pankow railroad station that a Soviet eastbound train was stopped at Kuestrin-Kietz on 15 July, allegedly because the Kuestrin-Schneidemuehl railroad line had been destroyed at several points by partisans.

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25X1 Comments:

1. The trains probably carried units of the 6th Guards Tank Division which moved from Jueterbog to Wittenberg on 8 July.
2. The operations probably involved the replacement of the artillery brigade of the 34th Artillery Division which was stationed at Altengrabow by the 30th Guards Artillery Brigade which had remained at Potsdam.
3. (Paragraphs 4 through 9) On the basis of available information, it may be assumed that major elements of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division have been stationed in the Wuhlheide area of southern Berlin since about 15 July and elements of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division farther north in the city, possibly in the Friedrichshain area, and farther east on both sides of the Berlin-Kuestrin railroad line. It appears that the units of the 1st Mechanized Division and of the 12th Guards Tank Division were replaced according to schedule. It may be assumed that these units will undergo short periods of training.
4. Drewitz airfield is believed to be occupied by the 602nd VPL Regiment which was previously stationed in Kamenz and which had temporarily been moved to Dresden-Klotzsche.
5. This information indicates that the exercise held by fighter units in the Cottbus has probably been completed.

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